

# Memorandum

**To:** Chair and Commissioners

**Date:** April 1, 2004

**From:** Diane C. Eidam,  
Executive Director

Reference Number 2.2c.(3)  
**Action**

**Ref:** Status of Notice of Determination, Route 710 from Route 10 to Route 210, six-lane freeway

**Issue:** Should the Commission withdraw the Notice of Determination in connection with the Route 710 six-lane freeway project between Route 10 and Route 210 that was filed with the Office of Planning and Research on April 14, 1998?

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Commission withdraw the Route 710 Notice of Determination filed with the Office of Planning and Research on April 14, 1998, and instruct the Commission's Executive Director to transmit appropriate letters to the Office of Planning and Research.

**Background:** On September 14, 1994, the Commission adopted findings and a statement of overriding consideration for the Route 710 freeway project between Route 10 and Route 210 based on a March 1992 approved Final Environmental Impact Report/Statement prepared by the Department of Transportation (Department). The actual filing of the resultant Notice of Determination (NOD) with the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) was withheld until the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) made its Record of Decision (ROD) on the Route 710 freeway project. FHWA approved the Route 710 ROD on April 13, 1998 and the Commission filed its NOD with OPR on April 14, 1998.

On December 17, 2003, FHWA informed the Department that the Route 710 Final Environmental Impact Report/Statement that supported the April 13, 1998 ROD must be supplemented before the freeway project can proceed. FHWA further stated a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report/Statement, followed by a new ROD, is required to advance the Route 710 freeway project as a Federal aid highway project. The Department has agreed to pursue the requested supplemental environmental documentation.

Since the environmental document on which the Commission's NOD was based will now undergo supplemental work and review, it is appropriate to withdraw the filed NOD. Once the Department finishes the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report/Statement, the Commission will undertake appropriate action based on the supplemental environmental documentation and transmit suitable notice to OPR as required under the California Environmental Quality Act.

## **CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

### **Withdrawal of Notice of Determination Route 710 Freeway Project Between Route 10 and 210, Los Angeles County Filed April 14, 1998**

#### **Resolution E-04-XX**

- 1.1 WHEREAS, the California Transportation Commission, filed a Notice of Determination (NOD) with the Office of Planning and Research on April 14, 1998 in connection with the Route 710 freeway project between Route 10 and Route 210; and
- 1.2 WHEREAS, the Route 710 NOD was based on a Department of Transportation (Department) prepared Environmental Impact Report/Statement approved by the Department; and
- 1.3 WHEREAS, the Department has agreed at the request of the Federal Highway Administration to do a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report/Statement for the Route 710 freeway project.
- 2.1 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Transportation Commission, hereby withdraws the Route 710 NOD filed with the Office of Planning and Research on April 14, 1998.